



Delaware Coalition for Injury Prevention: Gun Violence

Gun Violence- What's the Issue?

- Firearms are associated with homicides, suicides, and accidental deaths.
 - Homicide is three times more likely to occur when there is a gun in the home than otherwise.
 - A suicide is five times as likely to occur if a gun is in a home.
 - The risk of an accidental death is four times higher with a gun in a home than a home without a gun
- Access to guns is a critical issue.
 - No consistent back ground checks.
 - Over 40 % of guns sold in the U.S. are done so without a background check.
- Nationally, 332,014 people died from guns between 2000 and 2010, which is greater than the populations of U.S. cities such as St. Louis, Pittsburgh, and Cincinnati.

Sources:

<http://usnews.nbcnews.com/news/2013/01/16/16547690-just-the-facts-gun-violence-in-america?lite>
<http://info.futureswithoutviolence.org/guns-and-domestic-violence-facts>
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Who's Most at Risk of Being Injured by Gun Violence?

- Nationally - Children & Teens:
 - In 2010, there were 2694 children and teens that died because of gun violence. In everyday terms, that is roughly the equivalent to a Newtown massacre every three days.
 - Between 1979 and 2010, more children and teens died from guns (119,079) than U.S. soldiers in the wars in Vietnam, Korea, Iraq and Afghanistan combined
- Nationally - Women
 - Female intimate partners are more likely to be murdered with a firearm than all other means combined.
 - In 2010, 52 percent of female homicide victims, which were killed by men, were shot and killed with a gun.
 - Women suffering from domestic violence are eight times more likely to be killed if there are firearms in the home

Source: <http://info.futureswithoutviolence.org/guns-and-domestic-violence-facts/>

How Common is Gun Violence in Delaware?

- Gun violence is a serious threat to public safety, particularly in the city of Wilmington.
- Violence-related casualties from firearms negatively affect the social and economic wellbeing of Delawareans.
- The numbers of shooting related incidents have increased over the past three years.

Shootings Data in Wilmington, Delaware

Annual Totals				
Year	Incidents	Homicides incidents	Victims	Killed
2013	127	16	154	18
2012	96	23	119	25
2011	88	21	95	22

Source: <http://data.delawareonline.com/webapps/crime/>

What is Delaware doing to Control Gun Violence?

- Implementing a new public safety plan in Wilmington to address gun violence.
 - Increasing the presence of uniformed officers
 - Improving the relationships within neighborhoods
 - Improving the relationships between residents and the police.

Source: <http://wilmingtonde.gov/psplan2013/publicsafetyplan.pdf>

- The Delaware Coalition Against Gun Violence was recently formed to help safeguard our citizens and communities. Its' goals:
 - Promoting sensible gun laws;
 - Addressing the root causes of gun violence.

Source: <http://www.decagv.org/platform.html>

- House Bill # 35 – currently passed
 - Federally licensed firearms dealers (FFLs) are required to perform criminal history background checks on prospective firearms purchasers.
 - However, when the sale or transfer of a firearm does not involve a licensed dealer, no background check is required.

Source :

<http://legis.delaware.gov/lis/lis147.nsf/vwlegislation/F7A47C4B3D16BD7A85257B24005BE475>

What Can I do to Help Prevent Gun Violence?

- If you own a gun,
 - keep it unloaded
 - keep it locked in a secure location accessible only to adults

- Keep your ammunition locked in a secure location away from any firearms.
- If you have any children in your home, use child safety locks or other locking mechanisms to keep your firearms safely away.
- Treat every firearm as if it were loaded.

Where Can I Find Out More About Preventing Gun Violence?

- Every Delaware citizen shares the responsibility to address this public health issue. For more about prevention efforts visit the following links:
- Prevention Institute brings research, evaluations and development of prevention programs to prevent violence and injuries <http://www.preventioninstitute.org/focus-areas/preventing-violence-and-reducing-injury/preventing-violence-advocacy/other-resources.html>
- National Institute of Justice provides resource for research, development and evaluation on gun violence prevention. <http://nij.gov/topics/crime/gun-violence/prevention/Pages/welcome.aspx>
- The Center for Disease Control provides information about prevention youth violence. <http://www.cdc.gov/violenceprevention/youthviolence/index.html>
- UNITY road map is a resource that helps cities stop violence before it occurs. http://www.preventioninstitute.org/images/stories/Documents/UNITY_Roadmap/overview.html
- Children's safety network provides a resource guide for the prevention of firearm deaths and injuries. <http://www.childrenssafetynetwork.org/sites/childrenssafetynetwork.org/files/FirearmResourceGuide2013.pdf>